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Comment. The single-track rail bridge which at present spans the Bug River at Brest-Litovsk is a bottleneck on the main Soviet supply railroad line between Moscow and Frankfurt/Oder via Brest-Litovsk. Therefore, the construction of a new railroad bridge over the Bug River appears plausible. After completion of this bridge, the capacity of this supply line will be essentially increased. It was undoubtedly due to military reasons that the new bridge will be built about 800 meters distant from the old bridge. The "Blue Express" is the name for the Soviet leave train operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest-Litovsk.

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